Registry of Tank-beds.

28. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of cases pending on the file of each of the several Division and Taluk Cutcherries throughout the State regarding the registry of tank-beds ; and

(*b*) whether they will consider the desirability of issuing immediate instructions prohibiting further registry of tank-beds to private persons ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The information has been called for from the Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner.

(*b*) Sale of tank-beds falling within the area commanded by the Kodayar Project has been restricted by the recent amendment to Rule 38 of the *Puduval Rules* published at page 801 of Part I of the *Government Gazette*, dated the 24th July, 1928/9th Karkatakam, 1103. The rule lays down that the registry of tank-beds should be jealously scrutinised with reference to considerations of storage, distribution, flood-moderation and irrigation as well as communal uses and that no tank-beds should be brought under registry unless such registry is certified to be unobjectionable by an officer of the Public Works Department not below the rank of an Executive Engineer and by the Dewan Peishkar of the Division after they have made a personal inspection in each case. As regards registry of tank-beds in other areas, the Government have already issued necessary instructions that the head-*chiras* should never be registered, but should be reserved as *porambokes* and that the springs in the *chiras* should in no way be interfered with, so that they might continue to replenish the water-supply. It is not feasible to prohibit absolutely the registry of all tank-beds. Each case will receive due consideration at the hands of the Government before the registry is sanctioned.

Particulars re output of Paddy in the State.

29. **MR. REVATINAL RAMA VARMA RAJA** (*Edavagai*) : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table statistics showing—

(*a*) the total area of land under paddy cultivation in Travancore ;

(*b*) the total area which can be utilised for paddy cultivation but not under cultivation now ;

(*c*) the total annual yield of paddy crop during the past three years (1100-1102) ;

(*d*) the quantity of paddy and rice annually imported into Travancore during the past three years ; and

(*e*) the average yield per acre in Travancore, Bengal and Burma ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) 6,73,178·29 acres. (*Vide Statistics of Travancore, Eighth Issue*).

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